

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

Introduced by: Representatives Adelstein, Christensen, Cutler, Hennies, Michels, Novstrup, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Putnam, and Van Gerpen and Senators Knudson, Bogue, Dempster, Ham-Burr, LaPointe, and Olson (Ed)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Honoring the public achievements of *Thanks to*
2 *Scandinavia*.

3 WHEREAS, *Thanks to Scandinavia* is dedicated to educating the world concerning the
4 history of Scandinavian respect for religious diversity and to teaching of the heroic rescue of
5 Jews during the Nazi occupation during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, *Thanks to Scandinavia* demonstrates this dedication by awarding scholarships
7 to bring Scandinavian students to the United States in order to fully understand our practice of
8 the traditions of religious and racial pluralism; and

9 WHEREAS, this Legislature is particularly appreciative of the role of *Thanks to Scandinavia*
10 in supporting the publication and re-publication of literature illustrating these Scandinavian
11 traditions and history including the publication of *Army of Truth* of Henrik Wergeland; and

12 WHEREAS, South Dakota is proud of the Scandinavian heritage of so many of our citizens
13 and political leaders through the many years:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-



1 ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that this
2 Legislature congratulates *Thanks to Scandinavia* for its magnificent program and encourages
3 the continuation of its efforts to tell a history that should be a guide to all of the nations of the
4 world, and commends the people of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark for their courage
5 and humanity so vividly demonstrated by the compassion shown by the rescue of thousands of
6 Jews fleeing Nazi atrocities.